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3. German Patent Publication No. 197 31 889. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 61-42220. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 2-3 of the specification of the present application.
5. Japanese Patent 3176302. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed.
6. Japanese Patent 3014652. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

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